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**Dear Sir:**

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 3, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.